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Powwow teaches culture



Community gathers under
one roof to learn
about Aboriginal
culture at 18th annual
mid-winter powwow

Melissa Mangelsen
Fort Erie Times

The Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre (NENFC) held their 18th annual mid-winter powwow, which was welcomed by a packed gym.

The powwow began at noon with a grand entry, dozens of Native dancers put their culture on display to the beat of five different drum groups.

The celebration wasn't only meant to be a day for Aboriginal people to appreciate their own traditions, but also a time where the entire community could join together under one roof and learn about the culture.

The powwow welcomed Thomas R. Porter, who is the founder, spokesperson and spiritual leader of the Mohawk Community of Kanatsiohareke.

The annual mid-winter powwow featured dozens of Native dancers who put their culture on display to help educate and unite the community.

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After losing their daughter and sister to a brain tumor, Dec. 13 2011, the Hill family knew that they wanted to honour Kelsey, 13, and keep her memory alive.

"She always stayed so strong and we want to make sure she isn't forgotten, or that this was for nothing," said her mom Lana.

Last spring, the Hill family went to Toronto for a taping of the Steven and Chris show, sporting their brightly coloured Team Kelsey T-shirts.

It was during a commercial break that Steven and Chris began to ask them what their T-shirts meant. After telling the story of Kelsey and giving them a photograph, T-shirts and bracelet, Steven and Chris informed them that they would like to have their story featured on the show.

Lana was contacted by the show not long after, and because the show doesn't do health segments, they decided to take the angel of a makeover show, where Lana would be made over.

In addition to the makeover, there will be a video on Kelsey that continues to spread her legacy.

"They came to the house last Tuesday to do interviews and film," said Lana. The show sent along their supervising lifestyles producer, camera man and

wardrobe person.

"During the interviews they wanted to know more about Kelsey," she said. The show asked questions about finding out about her illness, her treatments and the day she passed away.

"She was always so brave and courageous. She was always worried about everyone else, before herself," said Lana.

For Lana, doing the show was about getting Kelsey's story out there, but when the producers got to the house, the told her the main focus was on the makeover.

"They told me that I deserved pampering. When your child is ill you put all your focus into them and very little on yourself. Whether I was aware of it or not, I've become someone that other mom's can follow the lead. Mom's need to remember to take care of themselves," she said.

Team Kelsey began in September 2010, when Kelsey noticed that a walk-a-thon was going to be a place for the Ronald McDonald House.

Kelsey and her sister and brother came up with the T-shirt designs and logos.

"She picked the colour, which was safety green. It commands attention, she was always really smart," said Lana.

Since then, Team Kelsey has raised money for the Ronald McDonald House, who the Hills say helped



Lana Hill is interviewed in her Black Creek home last Tuesday by the supervising lifestyles producer of the Steven and Chris Show. The episode will air March 28.

them tremendously while Kelsey was ill.

There is a children's playroom named after her, as well as a wheelchair accessible room, which is room 309.

Her former classmates at Stevensville Public School wear the Team Kelsey T-shirts all the time.

"They're very popular there, a lot of them wear the shirts so often that they're beginning to wear out," she

laughed.

Over the weekend Team Kelsey held a bowling fundraiser to help with another Niagara student who is battling a brain tumor.

"She's a sweet kid, you can't help but to fall in love with her," said Lana of St. Catharines student Jordan Taylor.

"There's just something about these kids, they're so full of energy and carry around such a glow with

them."

When the Ronald McDonald House expanded their size, Kelsey was asked to be the honorary co-chair of the event, greeting everyone at the door.

"She was a little princess that night. Following that we had to go back to the hospital so she could have another radiation treatment."

Kelsey would have celebrated her 14th birthday,

Nov. 17. In her honour they held a pasta dinner fundraiser.

"When we miss Kelsey, we'll do a balloon release for her," said Lana. The balloon release was something else that was filmed for Steven and Chris.

The episode will air March 28.

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Former Fort Erie resident makes the WSJ cover

Melissa Mangelsen
Fort Erie Times

While Greece is in the midst of an economic crisis, former Fort Erie resident Georgios Stroumboulis, who is an entrepreneur, launched a property portal, GreekPropertyExchange.com (GPE) that focuses on the Greek property market, bringing together buyers, sellers and renters. They claim they have created the cleanest, easiest and most centralized website to meet Greek real estate needs.

From the website spawned the idea of a reality TV program, called Hellenic Home Hunting, which was aimed towards foreign investors who were looking to buy property in Greece.

Following the success of his reality television show he was approached by The Wall Street Journal and was asked if he would be interested in doing a story

for the magazine.

"They loved the angle of the story," he said.

"When they had told me that it was going to be on the front page of The Wall Street Journal, I was surprised. I thought it was the front page of the real estate section, but it was actually the front page," he said.

He was at Grand Central Station in New York when the magazine was released.

"It was a crazy feeling walking up to the newsstand in one of the most notable places in New York and seeing it there. It was really a surreal feeling," said Stroumboulis.

Coming from a Greek-Canadian background, he was born and raised in Fort Erie, where his parents still own a restaurant.

"My parents are still there and Fort Erie is a really great community to be a part of," he said.

Though he currently lives in Manhattan, he is able to come back to Fort Erie and visit every couple

of months.

After graduating from Lakeshore High School, he went on to Brock University and received his Bachelor of Business Administration (marketing honours). He also attended the University of Ulster in Northern Ireland where he received certification in business operations management and attended the Ecole Supérieur de Commerce in France where he studied European markets and economics.

He was always interested in marketing, which led him to Hellenic Home Hunting. He now has a couple more ideas for television and is considering a second season of Hellenic Home Hunting.

Though the show is filmed in Greece, it isn't actually shown there because "Greeks in Greece don't care about it." The show made its debut early February on Greek TV network Antenna in North America, most of Europe



George Stroumboulis, who grew up in Fort Erie, graces the front page of the Wall Street Journal.

and Australia.

Reactions were mixed during filming, onlookers on site seemed understanding, but a bit guard-ed. A lot were interested in

getting their own homes featured on the show.

The GreekPropertyExchange.com was something he created to contribute to

Greece, even if he was living outside of the country. He developed an innovative web platform for interested foreigners.

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He is also charged with making a telecommunications agreement to commit specific criminal offences with another believed to be under the age of 16 years, along with two counts of communicating with a person under or believed to be under the age of 16 years for specific criminal offences.

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opinion page

Renaming schools disposes of history

Dear Editor,

Last week, I saw on Facebook that DSBN had launched a campaign to rename schools in the school board in Fort Erie. I read the article and went to the DSBN website and understand the initial motivation.

The amalgamation of 3 schools due to declining enrollment is an emotional one for past and present students of the schools to be closed: Rose Seaton and Fort Erie Elementary. The "controversy" to rename the school where they will all come together perhaps has some merit in giving the students a sense of belonging.

I submit however that this it also sends another message. An unfortunate one.

At one time, Fort Erie had schools named for Rose Seaton, Wintemute, Douglas, and Mather. All individuals who were honoured for their

service/contributions to the country or community.

Other schools in the DSBN realm such as Sir Winston Churchill, Colonel Butler, Vincent Massey and before Roland Michener; two other individuals for whom buildings and awards across Canada have been named. Georges Vanier perfectly fits the criteria the DSBN outlines for naming schools.

It does not appear that any other "Vanier" award, building, school, scholarship across Canada is considering a name change.

As mentioned above, I thank the board would be sending an unfortunate message if the school is renamed. The message is that history and honour expires in Fort Erie.

hung at the rededication of General Vanier School.)

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*Valerie Beattie
Fort Erie*

decided to a bankruptcy judge decisions in Delaware or New Jersey.

Vertis is a large USA based company with a plant in Fort Erie. The plant was the first to file for bankruptcy in the USA for approximately 35 business units of which 17 are plants, the plant in Fort Erie being excluded from the bankruptcy proposal. The purpose of the bankruptcy court was for a sale to Quad Graphics, an even larger printing company in the USA but Fort Erie was excluded from those proposals, being the only one in a different country (and with plum contracts, Stars, Sports, Toronto Star etc.)

Once the bankruptcy proposal was agreed to by a USA court, Quad and Vertis began following their plan except apparently, Quad began controlling the plant in Fort Erie, CANADA plant, alleging they had purchased the assets of this plant from Vertis, in a completely separate deal no one was aware of and apparently never raised in the bankruptcy

proceedings as far as we can tell.

Even though despicable, this may have been "legal" if the company had considered Canada a separate and sovereign country. Had a bankruptcy protection, for bankruptcy protection, had a country approval on the bankruptcy proposal...even if they had the respect for Canada to have filed the USA court ordered bankruptcy plan in a Canadian court....but allegedly, they didn't do that before being advised their decisions and actions to terminate staff without severance, without following the employment laws of Canada and Ontario. So, the argument is...these actions appear to be legal since this takeover insists it is legal...because Vertis is BANKRUPT.

*James A Thibert
Fort Erie Economic
Development and Tourism
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Cultural experience for everyone



powwow held over the weekend in Fort Erie, had five drums and many dancers. The powwow promotes Aboriginal heritage, culture and their beliefs.

Re: Stories on Ex-Vertis employees

Dear Editor,

I would like to point out a few important distinctions in the matter of the Vertis Printing Plant in Stevensville, Fort Erie Ontario that might shed some light on this matter.

Firstly, one cannot help but look at the photos in the various media of workers in pants and toques, hats and signs and placards and not immediately assume they are on "strike". Nothing could be further from the truth.

While most are members of the Canadian Energy and Paperworkers Union, they are all now unemployed and so a strike is not possible. What your photos show is an information picket to advise the public, advise Canadians that Wall Street has allegedly taken over a Canadian company and took control of the company with no regard for ethical business practices, employment responsibilities, regard for Canadian courts, Ontario business laws or regard for this being a sovereign country, not sub-

a perceived problem.

The NPCA with only one set of guidelines and enforcement, found a three mile swath of land from Black Creek / Douglastown through Stevensville all the way to parts of Welland now designated floodplain, and subject to Hurricane Hazel restrictions. This put the residents here and Welland at odds with the NPCA. Black Creek had a group headed by Stella Ziff called "The Flood Plain Fighters" with several residents from Stevensville also involved. I never saw Councillor Collard at any of our meetings held at the new Town Hall at Stevensville.

The Welland group was far more vocal in their objections to the flood plain designation for many of us this fight took over our life for the better part of a year. I never noticed Doug Martin, who was on council at the time attending any of our meetings after considerable pressure and legal help we managed to get the Government at Queens Park to come up with a new designation (one in a one hun-

dred year storm) which gave the NPCA some leeway. In preparing for what the Welland is to be need on our house in Douglastown conformed to the old Hurricane Hazel standard.

The Towns former Mayor Stella Ziff was successful in thwarting a golf course project next to the Niagara Parkway, because of springtime runoffs, who really cares that a golf course has water in it early spring? I feel that Jim Thibert and Mayor Martin don't have a credible case, in overruling the new designation, it would take a review by the legislature at Queens Park to reconsider their appeal's. The flood plain designation did help our area from becoming home to a huge chemical dump (OWMC) that was slated for Stevensville. The Mayor wants Netherby Road to be the route for the Mid-Pen Highway, I think a far better route is Bowen Road that would be linked up with the Ambassador/Niagara bridge which will be built sooner or later.

*George Jardine
Stevensville*

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Bouquet to the person (s) who returned my Blackberry phone to the security at the movie theatre over the weekend. I am still under contract, and honestly didn't think I would ever see the phone again. It's a nice feeling to know there are still honest and decent people out there.

Bouquet to local teen Justin Preston in his fight against bullying. What a great cause and something that needs to be forced into the public's eye. On the same note, bricks to the people who think it is acceptable to allow bullying, and bricks to the kids and the parents of the bullies who are participating in it. Being "cool" in high school will only get you so far in life. The real world hasn't even begun for you yet. Show some respect to fellow classmates and everyone around you!

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Ex-Vertis employees take their fight to MP

John Law
QMI Agency

Outsized employees of Vertis Communications took their fight for severance packages to Niagara Falls MP Rob Nicholson's breakfast table Saturday.

A few dozen ex-employees of the Stevensville printing plant gathered in front of the Cairn Croft hotel on Lundy's Lane, where Nicholson was hosting a breakfast fundraiser for the Niagara Falls Conservative Electoral District Association.

About 100 people lost their jobs Jan. 16 when the U.S.-based company abruptly closed. Since then, they have been fighting to get \$2.7 million worth of pension plans, benefit packages and severance packages they say are owed, and have set up blockades in front of the plant to delay machinery from being trucked out.

The employees are represented by the Communications, Energy and Paperworkers Union of Canada.

Bringing their concerns to Niagara's politicians is

imperative, said 28-year Vertis employee Gary Stoughton.

"I said to (Rob) this morning, we need support," said Stoughton, whose wife Laraine was also let go after 33 years with Vertis. "If you don't want to do it, and put it off to (Niagara Falls MPP) Kim Craitor, and he doesn't want to do it - where are we?"

Vertis Communications filed for bankruptcy in the U.S., forcing employees to wade through international red tape to try and get their severance packages. The provincial cabinet help them. Stoughton wants Nicholson to fight on behalf of the employees under the federal government's W.E.P.P. (Wage Earner Protection Program), which compensates eligible workers for unpaid severance and termination pay when their employer declares bankruptcy or goes into receivership.

The stumbling block is that the company didn't declare bankruptcy in Canada.

"Rob can go to his caucus and say, 'Look, these guys are getting screwed both

ways ... let's make an exception so they can get the W.E.P.P. program.' He won't do it," said Stoughton.

Inside the Cairn Croft, Nicholson said he plans to meet with the Vertis employees this Friday.

His suggestion: Get legal advice.

"It's a difficult situation for them and very frustrating, I'm sure," he said. "When it comes to severance pay, they are governed by provincial employment laws. You can't escape that."

"One of the things we can do is bring publicity to this company," Nicholson added, "and make the point of 'This is what has happened to the former employees of that company.' This shouldn't be kept a secret so people can know what we're dealing with."

If anything, Stoughton said Vertis is a cautionary tale of what happens when U.S.-based companies close up shop in Canada and deny workers what's owed.

"If we don't stop it now, we open up the doors for everyone."

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JOHN LAW/QMI AGENCY

Former employees of Vertis Communications in Stevensville gather outside the Cairn Croft on Lundy's Lane Saturday, where Niagara Falls MP Rob Nicholson was having a breakfast fundraiser. The group is seeking federal help getting \$2.7 million in severance packages they say the company owes them after closing.

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Their objective was to fill a cruiser with food donations and deliver it to the local food bank.

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Easter Basket Program needs support

► Providing children with Easter baskets is an overlooked need that many families need

Melissa Mangelsen
Fort Erie Times

The need for donations across Fort Erie continues to grow, and while many people think of Christmas as the time most families are in need, Mindy Leveille, who runs the Holiday Basket Program, said Easter is also a time of need for many families.

The Easter Basket Program is the only program of its kind in the Niagara Region and provides up to 300 children with a basket

from the Easter Bunny.

This year, Leveille said donations have been slow and she's hoping that they pick up so she's able to provide families with the assistance they need over Easter. "Because I'm the only Easter basket program in the area, I've always been used to receiving a lot of donations," she said.

The program began three years ago when her husband and her got their tax returns back.

"We decided to give back to the community. It started with me purchasing 15 baskets and putting an ad on Kijiji. I had an overwhelming response and ended up doing 63 my first year," she said.

"The donations don't seem to be coming in this year."

The items she is looking for are ring pops, chocolate

bunnies, hollow eggs, toothbrushes, chocolate eggs, boxes of nerds, sunglasses, colour books, crayons, sticks and anything that would go into a typical Easter basket.

Money can also be donated, but because she is not registered yet, she is unable to give tax receipts.

"People have to know that they're giving it as a gift," she said.

Leveille hopes to be registered in the near future. With registration costing about \$1,000 she will be

looking to fundraise the money. When she is registered she hopes to be able to obtain a small space to work out of. Right now she does all of the holiday baskets out of her home.

At both Christmas, and Easter, she sets up her living room with shelves and places all the items out. People are then able to come through her living room and fill the

baskets. Each item is given a point, and each family is allowed so many points per basket.

"We have families come in and just start crying because they're overwhelmed with the items that people have given," she said.

Families in need have to fill out an application that can be found on their website www.holidaybasketprogramerie.webs.com. Because of technical issues in receiving e-mails, once the application has been completed they must be e-mailed to holidaybasketprogramerie.live.ca for approval.

"I go through each application and require a proof of ID. I don't look at income, because even if you're making \$5,000 a month with a mortgage and other bills you may be really strapped by the end of it all. I don't

think it provides the full picture," she said.

Registration for the Easter Basket Program will begin Monday March 11 and run until the 18th, with baskets being distributed on Good Friday.

Donations can also be made by calling Leveille at 905-994-1991 and can either be dropped off at her home, or will be picked up if the donor is unable.

Leveille believes that every child in the community deserves the best and with community support and donations they are able to provide them with that.

Leveille encourages all able residents to participate in the program.

Since 2010 they have assisted over 1,000 children and 260 families.

"We have families come in and just start crying because they're overwhelmed with the items people have given."

—Mindy Leveille
program founder

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The announcement was made by the project's executive director and partner, Azhar Mohammad, and Teri McKibbin, chief operating officer for Aecon. "We look forward to working with Aecon as a partner to ensure our development is built to the highest standards," said

Mohammad. Aecon, as the project's construction manager, will oversee the entire 820-acre development by identifying qualified local construction resources, admin-



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International Women's Day

Women are changing the face of politics

International Women's Day, held on March 8 every year, is an occasion to highlight the progress we've made in the fight for gender equality and the contribution to society made by women around the world. Among the advances in equity, women's right to vote is, without doubt, one of the most important.

Although women didn't even have the right to vote in North America at the beginning of the twentieth century, they now represent an important part of the electorate, one that politicians no longer ignore. In fact, women voters have a major impact on the subjects debated

during an electoral campaign as well as on the election results themselves.

More and more women are also choosing careers in politics. Over the last few years, many of them have been able to demonstrate that their leadership skills are equal, if not stronger, than their male colleagues. Think about Alison Redford, Christy Clark, Kathy Dunderdale, Elizabeth May, and Eva Aariak. These women have made a place for themselves by promoting their ideas for a better world, a scenario that would have been unthinkable even a century ago.

Even though complete equality between the sexes has yet to be reached, important progress now allows women, at least in North America, to vote and to be able to make political choices that correspond to their values and convictions. This in itself is a major advance for women's rights.

On this International Women's Day, take the time to think of those who fought for women to become full citizens in society, enabling them to express their opinions by choosing the political candidates of their choice.



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Sports

Weekend playoff action sees Meteors series tied

Bryan Komasa netted a hat trick and Zach DeConclys scored twice to lead the Port Colborne Pirates past the Fort Erie Meteors 9-1 in junior B hockey playoff action Saturday night at the Fort Erie Leisureplex.

Jordan Bolibruck, Dylan Burdick, Charlie Izaguirre and Dima Lavrenov also scored for the Don Cherry's Port Colborne Pirates who evened the best-of-seven quarter-final series at one win apiece.

The second-seeded Pirates, who were upset 2-1 by No. 7 seed Fort Erie in Friday night's series opener, dominated the Meteors on the scoreboard

in Game 2 despite going only 1-15 on the power play.

Aaron Wanat replied for Fort Erie which was outshot 46-23 and finished the game 0-14 when it had the chance to score with a man advantage.

Real Cormier made 22 saves to earn the win between the pipes for Port Colborne.

Friday night the Pirates were upset at their first ever playoff game at their new arena.

Cesar Visca made 31 saves backstopping the visiting Fort Erie Meteors to a 2-1 upset of the Port Colborne Pirates in Greater Ontario Junior Hockey

League playoff action Friday night.

Second-seeded Port Colborne, which finished the regular season 37 points ahead of No. 7 seed Fort Erie in the standings, didn't live up its billing as the favourites with its poor play on the power play Friday night.

At the end of the night Pat Murphy's second-period goal was all the Don Cherry's Port Colborne Pirates had to show for numerous scoring opportunities with a man advantage.

Fort Erie was 1-for-3 on the power play.

Richard DeMarco, on the power play; and Andy Sturtz scored for the

Meteors who lost the season series to their Hwy. 3 rivals five games to two with one of those losses by a forfeit.

An announced crowd of 675 attended the first-ever junior B playoff game played at the Vale Health and Wellness Centre, the Pirates' new home and a state-of-the-art arena in which they remain winless. The Pirates dropped a 4-3 decision to the Niagara Falls Canucks in their first game at the twin-pad arena.

Game 5 will be March 8, at Port Colborne and if necessary Game 6 will be held March 9 at Fort Erie.



Fort Erie Meteors' captains Dallas Ingram, left (A), Nik Passero (C) and Cameron Fairgrave (A) will lead the team against Port Colborne in the first round of playoffs.

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The gallery will feature local artist Will Lowry, who will be displaying his pen and ink work. He also does works including etchings

and water colours, but all his art shares a common theme - historical landscapes.

"I've always really liked architecture and old buildings, so I reflect that in my work," said Lowry.

He graduated from Dundas Valley School of Art and

began sketches in 1978.

"It always helps to have that professional structure," he said.

A lot of his original sketches were lost in a fire that destroyed his office.

Lowry, who hasn't featured his art at a gallery in

Fort Erie in about 12 years, was approached by St. John's Stevensville United Church to do the show.

"It's really exciting for us, our curator Roy Rivers is trying to bring in a new

local artist," said Sandra Dunn, coordinator.

The church has a permanent display that is there all the time, which features Gwen Pleyhe. In the past the

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Appealing development decision

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) has appealed a decision made by the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) that ruled in favour of allowing development on 37 acres of land in the north Bridgewater area.

In early February, the MMAH attempted to overturn zoning and official plan amendments, approved at both the municipal and regional levels of government.

Through the OMB, it was determined that the development could go ahead, but since that verdict has been given,

the MMAH has filed for an appeal and the matter will head to court.

When Mayor Doug Martin learned about the appeal, he sent a letter to the MMAH and it has been obtained by QMI Agency Niagara.

It is clear that he is more than frustrated with how the matter has been handled at the provincial level.

Martin says he has been working with the proponent on this proposal for over 10 years and has been anxious to see its completion.

"This project is a crucial step in the rejuvenation of the historic old Town of Fort Erie,"

wrote Martin.

The residential development project was approved unanimously by the Town and Niagara Region.

Martin said the appeal has and will continue to cost the municipality, the developer and proponent significant financial resources.

"This current appeal of the OMB decision will again have a significant financial burden on all of us. It is using taxpayer dollars to fight taxpayer dollars and more troubling, a taxpayer using his own money to fight a gov-

ernment, funded by his own tax dollars," wrote Martin in his letter.

"If the provincial government has no confidence in the OMB, which it has appointed to arbitrate decisions as an independent arm's length body and must appeal its decisions, then one must question the relevancy of the OMB."

The mayor continued in his letter by pointing out some of the other woes Fort Erie has faced due to provincial decisions.

He has requested that the MMAH withdraw its appeal.



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Sealed proposal clearly marked as to contents will be received by Carolyn Kett, Town Clerk, Municipal Centre, 1 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie, Ontario, until 2:00 p.m. local time on:

FRIDAY APRIL 19, 2013

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COMMUNITY AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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For more information contact

Sigee Hansen, Manager of Parks and Open Space Development
905-871-1600 or shansen@forterie.on.ca

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Returning students **MUST** apply. Application forms are available on-line and at Town Hall. The deadline for receiving applications is **5:00 p.m. FRIDAY MARCH 22, 2013**. The Town of Fort Erie is an equal opportunity employer. Accommodation is available to candidates upon request.

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Women in business recognized at award ceremony

If glass ceilings do exist for women in business, Deb Zahra has just smashed through them and kept on rolling.

At 26 she was the general manager of a multimillion-

dollar bar in downtown Toronto. By 40, she was overseeing 27 Boston Pizza franchises in four provinces.

Now, at 45, Zahra has settled down into the life of an entrepreneur — running her

own Boston Pizza franchise on Niagara St. in Welland and "hasn't looked back."

Originally from Britain, Zahra was one of the big winners Wednesday night at the 2012 Women in Business

Awards held at Niagara College.

Franchise

operating

partner at the successful Welland restaurant was given both the community spirit and corporate awards — two of five handed out at

the event.

"It's rare that one nominee

would win two awards, but

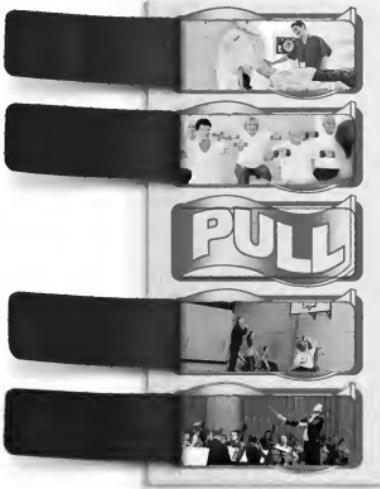
she's a true example of what

community spirit is about,"

said Daria Zmilywsky, Sun

Media's regional director of community relations and marketing.

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Ridgeway businesswoman takes home entrepreneur award

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"Deborah never says no. She's a businesswoman, but

she still finds the time to give back to her community. She does so much to make Welland a better place to live."

Zahra said she's motivated by the opportunities that have been presented to her.

"I'm a high energy person and when your name is on the front of the restaurant, it's important that I try to be helpful and give a lot back to the community," she said. "As people opened doors for me, I just wanted to it."

Zahra said her parents and son, Ian, believe that gender would stop her from reaching her goals.

"I think if you allow yourself to be put into a box, that's going to happen," she said. "I didn't really need to beat down any doors. I just worked hard. I was raised in an environment where my parents said I could do any-

thing I wanted to do."

The Women in Business Awards, which were presented by Sun Media, have grown over the past few years from a lunch gathering to an evening of music, networking and a keynote address, delivered this year by Scotiabank President and general manager Kerry Painter.

Her message was that sometimes risks have to be taken in order to move forward in your career.

"It's amazing how many people don't respond to something that could have great potential," she said. "If

you hesitate or don't make decisions that are risky, you miss opportunities. That's what has taken me all over the place."

While Zahra took home the community spirit and corporate awards, Sherry Campbell, the owner and president of Sherry Campbell Group in Ridgeway won the entrepreneur award.

Winning the up and coming award for the most outstanding post-secondary student in business, marketing or event management was Joanna Polillo, of Niagara College.



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The property is being sold on an "as is/where is" basis and will
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must be received by the undersigned on or before Friday, March
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cheque in the amount of 5% of the purchase price payable to
Meridian Credit Union Limited. The sealed offers will be opened
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All persons having claims against the Estate of MARY ANN EBER, late of the Town of Fort Erie, Ontario, Canada, who died on the 19th day of February, 2013, are required to send particulars to the undersigned on or before the 1st day of April, 2013, after which date the estate will be distributed with regard only to claims of which the undersigned has been advised. Any person whose undesignated will not be liable to any person of whom he claims the undesignated shall not then be notice.

Dated this 21st day of February, 2013.

Rosanne Marta, Estate Trustee
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Hearstith thanks from the Hutchinson family for all your cards, donations, thoughts, and prayers following the passing of our beloved mother, **Jennie Hutchinson**. A Memorial Mass will be held on Saturday, March 9th at 10:00 a.m. at the Methodist Church in Fort Erie, with refreshments to follow at St. Paul's Anglican Church Hall.

In Memoriams

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**Deborah (McPhee) Pereira**

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